

## SPRIT OF JEFFERSON.

CHARLESTOWN, JEFFERSON COUNTY, W. VA.  
TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 26, 1884.

### Democratic National Ticket.

For President,  
GROVER CLEVELAND,  
of New York.  
For Vice-President,  
THOMAS A. HENDRICKS,  
of Indiana.

For Congress,  
WILLIAM E. WILSON,  
of Jefferson County.

### Democratic State Ticket.

For Governor,  
E. WILLIS WILSON,  
of Kanawha County.

For Auditor,  
PATRICK F. DUFFY,  
of Webster County.

For Treasurer,  
WM. T. THOMPSON,  
of Cabell County.

For Attorney General,  
ALFRED CALDWELL,  
of Ohio County.

For Judge of Supreme Court of Appeals—Long Term,  
A. C. SNYDER,  
of Greenbrier County.

For Judge of Supreme Court of Appeals—Short Term,  
SAMUEL WOODS,  
of Barbour County.

For State Superintendent of Free Schools,  
BENJ. S. MORGAN,  
of Monongalia County.

### Senatorial Convention.

At a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of the 18th Senatorial District, held at Martinsburg, July 10th, 1884, a Convention was called for the purpose of nominating a candidate of said party for State Senator of said District, and to transact such other business as may properly come before it, at Martinsburg, on Tuesday, the 5th day of August, 1884.

The said Committee recommended that the Democratic voters of each county composing said District, send delegates to said Convention on the basis of one delegate for each one hundred votes cast for either Hancock or Jackson in the election of 1880, and one delegate for each fraction thereof in excess of fifty.

GEO. BAYLOR, Chairman.  
B. F. BRADY, Secretary.  
[Democratic papers please copy.]

### Democratic Primary next Saturday.

Republicans are kicking on the Greenback fusion.

The Republican Independents have organized and declared for Cleveland.

The Democratic Congressmen of the 2d, 3d and 4th districts, of this State, have all been re-nominated.

Hon. W. H. Barnum, of Connecticut, has been re-elected Chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

The National Prohibition Convention nominated Gov. St. John, of Kansas, for President, and Mr. Wm. Daniel, of Maryland, for Vice-President.

The Democratic ratification meeting at Wheeling on Wednesday night was an immense affair, fully fifteen thousand persons being present.

Among the speakers were Hons. D. B. Lucas and Wm. L. Wilson of this county.

The absence at Wheeling of a number of the Committee of Arrangements for Ratification Meeting having prevented a meeting last Friday, the Chairman, Col. Jno. T. Gibson, requests that the Committee meet at the Court-House in Charlestown on Friday of this week, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and hopes that all will be present.

Hon. E. Willis Wilson, the Democratic nominee for Governor of this State is a native of Jefferson county, and is one of her sons of which she may justly be proud. In his speech accepting the nomination he predicted the election of the State ticket by 20,000 majority in October, and that the number would not be decimated in October. County pride, if nothing else, should enable us to give him 1500 majority. Let the Democrats of Jefferson see that he gets it.

The Second District Democratic Congressional Convention met at Grafton on Tuesday and nominated Hon. William L. Wilson for Congress by acclamation. Hon. Benjamin F. Martin was unanimously chosen elector. Chairman Joseph Sprigg was authorized to name an Executive Committee, which he has done, as follows: M. H. Dent, Taylor county; W. S. Hammond, Marion; M. Peck, Barbour; L. S. Anoll, Tucker; R. W. Monroe, Reston; L. D. Strawn, Randolph; Pres. Rac, Monongalia; C. W. Daily, Mineral; B. J. Baker, Grant; Sol. Cunningham, Pendleton; John W. McNeill, Hardy; J. C. Brady, Hampshire; R. Hunter, Morgan; A. J. Thomas, Berkeley; and G. M. Beltzhoover, Jefferson.

Saturday morning the Wheeling Register came out in a bitter editorial attacking personally the candidates for presidential electors, Hons. D. B. Lucas and John J. Davis, Col. Alexander Campbell, late member of the Democratic National Executive Committee, the Hon. Joseph E. Gahler, State Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Secretary of State State- necker, and others of its opponents, and threatening the candidates for the Supreme Court judgeships—A. C. Snyder and Samuel Woods—with a future castigation. About 8:30 o'clock Col. Campbell went to the Register office and demanded the name of the writer of the editorial and threatening to shoot him on sight. His friends, however, interfered and he was induced to leave the city.

## Democratic State Convention.

The West Virginia Democratic Convention met at the city of Wheeling on Wednesday last, and concluded its labors a short while after midnight of Thursday night. It was the largest representative gathering ever assembled in this State, consisting of thirteen hundred delegates, representing every county in West Virginia, (for the first time), and among its members were nearly all the leading public men of the State. Hon. Jno. Blair Hoge was made temporary Chairman, and J. Bernard Peyton Clerk. The State Executive Committee was formed of the following persons:

Joseph S. Miller, of Ohio county; Chas. R. Oldman, of Marshall; Robt. S. Blair of Ritchie; D. S. Leonard, of Wood; V. S. Armstrong, of Jackson; H. T. Vinson, of Wayne; B. H. Osley, of Lincoln; John C. Montgomery, of Fayette; D. C. Gallagher, of Kanawha; James K. Smith, of Monongalia; Thomas B. Davis, of Mineral; and J. C. Holmes, of Jefferson.

Notwithstanding the tacit agreement that local discussions should be ignored, the report of the Committee on Permanent Organization named Geo. H. Moffett, editor of the Wheeling Register and an antagonist of the State administration, for permanent chairman, and this precipitated a bitter fight, in which Gov. Jackson, Hon. D. B. Lucas, Hon. Jno. J. Davis and others participated in opposition to the confirmation of the report, and Senator Kenna, Chairman Henshaw of the Committee and others in its favor. The Convention finally, amid great confusion, recommitted the report and took a recess until Thursday morning.

On Thursday Judge John Brannon, of Lewis county, was recommended and chosen Permanent Chairman, and the Convention proceeded without further break to the conclusion of its work. The following preamble and resolutions were adopted without dissent:

WHEREAS, The Democratic party of West Virginia, in convention assembled at the city of Charleston, has recently declared its principles and policy upon all matters of State interest as to render it unnecessary that there should be any further declaration of its views upon any of these questions; and whereas the Democratic party of the United States in the city of Chicago has fully met the highest wants and aspirations of the people in a comprehensive declaration of its principles in relation to all questions of a national character, leaving nothing to be done by the Democracy of this State except to approve and ratify the work of that convention; Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Democratic party of West Virginia, by its representatives in convention assembled, adopt and ratify the platform promulgated by the Democratic National Convention, which assembled in that city on the 8th day of July, 1884, as containing the true and correct declaration of doctrine, and a just and merited arraignment of the Republican party for its many abuses of power, and its impotent and ineffectual performance of the public trusts which have been placed in its hands.

Resolved, That we approve and endorse the nomination of Grover Cleveland for the presidency, and Thomas A. Hendricks for the vice-presidency, and cordially appeal to the Democracy of West Virginia to support both ticket and platform with that zeal and earnestness which has ever crowned their efforts with success.

Hon. E. Willis Wilson was nominated for Governor on the second ballot, the first ballot standing 224 for Faulkner, 201 for Wilson, 93 for Vanmetre, and 90 for Haymond.

Patrick F. Duffy, of Webster county, was nominated for Auditor; W. P. Thompson, of Cabell, for Treasurer; Alfred Caldwell, of Ohio, for Attorney General; A. C. Snyder, of Greenbrier, for Supreme Judge, long term; Samuel Woods, of Barbour, for Supreme Judge, short term; Benj. S. Morgan, of Monongalia, for Superintendent of Free Schools; and Hons. D. B. Lucas, of Jefferson, and John J. Davis, of Harrison, Electors at Large.

County Executive Committee.

The members of the County Democratic Executive Committee are requested to meet in Charlestown, West Virginia, at 11 o'clock, A. M., to canvass the ballots of primary election and to declare the result of same.

JNO. M. DANIEL, Secy.

The people of Jefferson county are going to send Col. Dan Lucas to the legislature. Now that is what we could call a level headed proposition.

If we could have a Dan Lucas from each county of the State in the legislature for even one term, the laws would not be left in their present conflicting jumble. The example of the Democracy of Jefferson and the sacrifice of Col. Lucas are worthy of our imitation and highest and admirable abilities of Daniel B. Lucas would adorn the highest position in the gift of the people.—*Charlestown News*

A Card.

MR. EDITOR:—I did not receive the last issue of the SPIRIT, but I learned to-day that my name was announced or suggested therein, for membership in the County Democratic Executive Committee. Desiring to remain as far removed as practicable from politics, I must decline the use of my name for any place either of honor or of profit in the party. Yours, &c.,  
July 29, 1884. GEORGE BAYLOR.

We are pleased to learn by a perusal of *The Solid Maudlin*, a paper published at Ouray, Colorado, that Dr. W. W. Rowan, along with two other M. D.'s, is owner of "The Army and Navy" Silver Mine near that place—a mine that has attracted attention by the peculiarly rich character of its ores and its admirable location and prospecting the work necessary to getting out the precious metals with vigor.

As much as 2,000 ounces per ton has been taken from the mine. We hope our former young townsman will be eminently successful.—*Free Press*.

Mr. Wm. M. Atkinson, of Winchester, Va., was married, July 16th, at Columbia, S. C., to Mrs. C. C. Trevellick, daughter of the late Campbell R. Bryce, of that city.

The President has appointed John E. Bryant United States marshal for the district of Georgia, vice Gen. Longstreet.

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## Canvassing for "Votes and Pledges."

When Lord Macaulay was a candidate for election to the House of Commons to represent the wealthy manufacturing corporation of Leeds, he took occasion in a letter to a friend, to express his opinion of a practice much too common in modern political methods, and uttered words of wisdom which it would be well for our electors to read and weigh, and especially when about to select representatives to our legislative bodies.

The following extracts should be read with interest and with profit, particularly by those of our citizens who so frequently appear in print over the signature of "Many Voters."

"The practice of begging for votes is, as it seems to me, absurd, pernicious, and altogether at variance with the true principles of representative government. The suffrage of an elector ought not to be asked, or to be given, as a personal favor. It is as much for the interest of constituents to choose a man who will be honest in the discharge of his duty as it is for the interest of a candidate to be chosen. To request an honest man to vote according to his conscience is a request which he cannot refuse to make. To request him to vote against his conscience is an insult. The practice of canvassing is quite reasonable under a system in which men are sent to Parliament to serve themselves. It is the height of absurdity under a system in which men are sent to Parliament to serve the public."

"I wish to add a few words touching a question which has lately been much canvassed: I mean the duty of a candidate to canvass. I think it is, in this conjuncture, my duty to declare that I will give no pledge. I will not bind myself to make or to support any particular motion. \* \* \* The great beauty of the representative system is, that it enables the elector to choose a man who will be honest in the discharge of his duty. In politics, as well as in every other department of life, the public ought to have means of checking those who serve it. If a man finds that he derives no benefit from the prescription of his physician, he will not continue to take it. If he does not like a man, he changes his shoemaker. And if he has called in a physician of whom he does not like, he will not continue to take his medicine. I think it is the duty of a candidate to be honest in the discharge of his duty. 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